WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 7313

IN THE MATTER OF:		Served July 17, 2003
Application of MEKONNEN)	Case No. AP-2003-87
TRANSPORTATION, INC., for a)	
Certificate of Authority)	
Irregular Route Operations)	

By application accepted for filing July 10, 2003, Mekonnen Transportation, Inc., a District of Columbia corporation, seeks a certificate of authority for irregular route operations in vehicles with a seating capacity of less than 16 persons only, including the driver.

Applicant proposes commencing operations with one van. Applicant's proposed tariff contains rates for transportation under the DC Medicaid program.

Applicant's street address is the same as that for Negash Transportation, Inc., which has applied for a certificate of authority in Case No. AP-2003-86. Applicant will be directed to file a statement explaining the relationship between applicant and Negash Transportation, Inc.

This proceeding is hereby initiated to determine whether applicant is fit and whether the proposed transportation is consistent with the public interest.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

- 1. That applicant shall publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, no later than July 31, 2003, notice in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission.
- 2. That applicant shall file with the Commission, no later than August 21, 2003, an original and four copies of an affidavit that notice has been published as required in the preceding paragraph.
- 3. That applicant shall file with the Commission, no later than July 31, 2003, an original and four copies of a statement explaining the relationship between applicant and Negash Transportation, Inc.

4. That the deadline for filing protests, comments, applications for intervention, and requests for formal hearing, is August 21, 2003, and that copies must be served on applicant's president, Makonane Tullu, 6307 Beryl Road, Alexandria, VA 22312.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

William H. McGilvery

Executive Director